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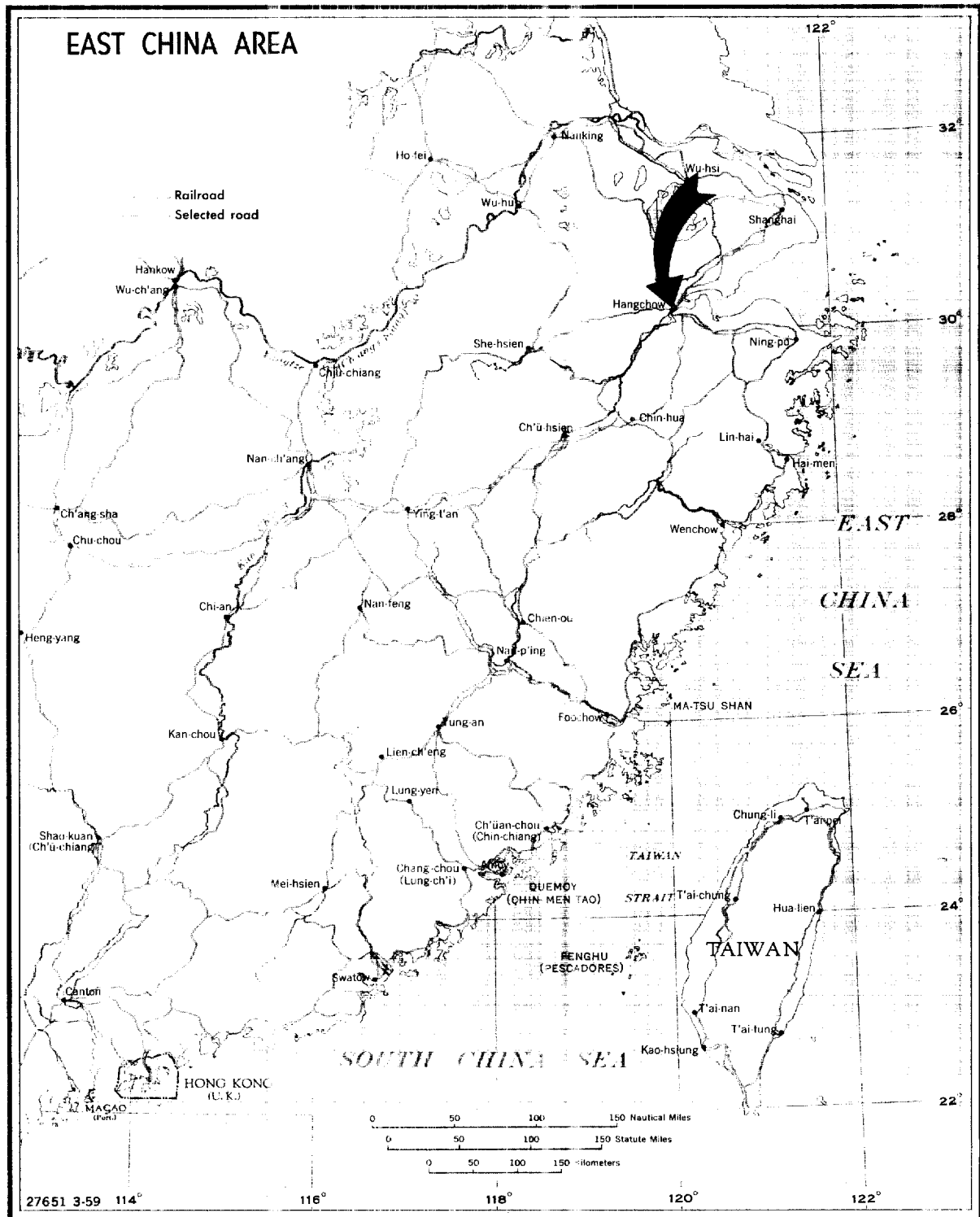
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Hang-chou is the location of important railroad repair and classification yard facilities and is the transportation center of Chekiang Province. It is situated on the Shanghai/Canton rail line, 100 miles southwest of Shanghai.

25X1D Transportation facilities throughout China reportedly have been heavily taxed by increased economic activity. However, there is no photographic evidence of over-taxed facilities at Hang-chou. Study of the latest available aerial photography [REDACTED] indicates no excessive freight pile up or rail traffic congestion in Hang-chou. Not more than 20 percent of the rail yard trackage was being utilized on the above dates.

25X1D Several new rail spurs totalling 10 1/2 miles of track, one 4-6 track marshalling yard, and several small storage yards have been constructed in the Hang-chou area since [REDACTED] This construction is indicated on the accompanying map and described in the key to annotations which also lists approximately 240 rail cars present in the area on [REDACTED] 25X1D The quality of [REDACTED] 25X1D photography precludes detailed rail car description.

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KEY TO ANNOTATIONS

1. Rail spur under construction, to serve small steel plant.
- 25X1D 2. New rail spur 1,500' long, constructed since [REDACTED] serving an industrial site.
- 25X1D 3. New rail line 6.5 miles long, constructed since [REDACTED]
- 25X1D 4. New rail spur 1.6 miles long, constructed since [REDACTED] serving ammunition storage area.
- 25X1D 5. Rail spur under construction, to serve industrial site.
6. New rail spur 1,700' long, constructed since [REDACTED] serving industrial site.
- 25X1D 7. Rail spur, abandoned since [REDACTED] Roadbed has been converted to highway use.
- 25X1D 8. Small railroad yard, constructed since [REDACTED] consisting of 4-6 tracks.
- 25X1D 9. Ken-shan railroad yard. No change since [REDACTED] No rail cars observed.
- 25X1D 10. Main railroad yard. No evidence of any change since [REDACTED] In [REDACTED] approximately 30 percent of the yard's trackage was occupied with 53 boxcars, 23 passenger cars, and 3 low-sided gondolas.
- 25X1D 11. Railroad yard. No change since [REDACTED] No rail cars observed.
- 25X1D 12. New rail spur 1.1 mile long, constructed since [REDACTED] serving a new industrial plant.
- 25X1D 13. New rail spur 1,000' long, constructed since [REDACTED] serving open storage area.
- 25X1D 14. New rail spur 2,300' long, constructed since [REDACTED] serving open storage area.
- 25X1D 15. Hang-chou Storage Area No. 5. Eight new warehouses constructed since [REDACTED]
- 25X1D 16. Ningsing railroad yard. No change since [REDACTED] approximately 10 percent of the yard's trackage was occupied with 130-140 boxcars, 10 possible low-sided gondolas, and 4 tank cars.
- 25X1D 17. Railroad yard. No change since [REDACTED] No rail cars observed.
18. Approximately 15 boxcars on rail siding at Hang-chou port area.
19. Railroad yard, probably abandoned.
- 25X1D 20. Railroad yard. No change since [REDACTED] Several possible box cars in yard.

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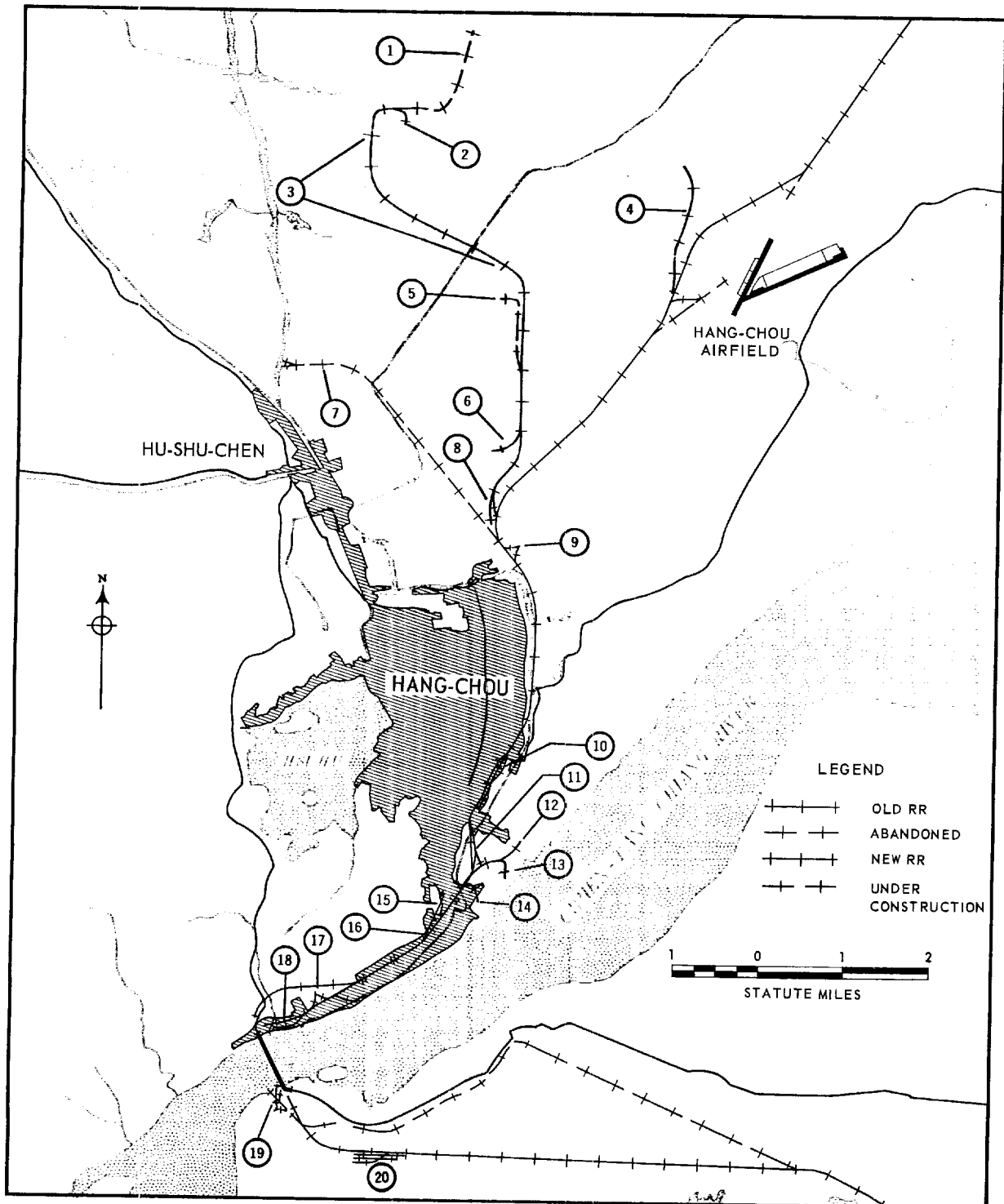


FIGURE 1. RAIL TRAFFIC AND NEW RAIL CONSTRUCTION.

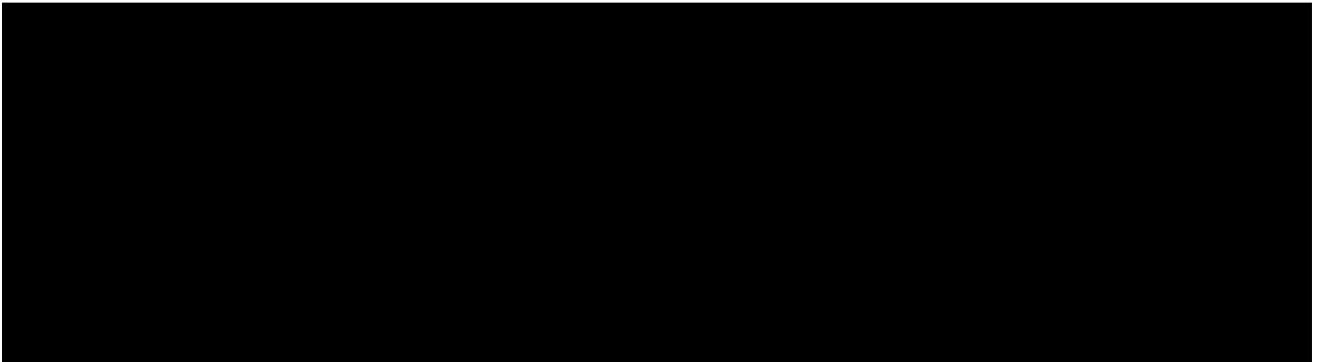
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